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Debators Capture Crusader; Ed Ricci Qualifies In Finals

During the months of February and March Xaverian's debaters and speakers consistently made the headlines in the local papers for their many accomplishments. The Rykenites captured 20 school and personal trophies and won 50 debates.

On February 8, the Ryken debaters traveled to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. In a contest comprising 102 teams, the squad of Richard Jaeger, Edward Ricci, Robert O'Sullivan and Charles Hadlock took third place trophy with a record of 11 wins and three losses.

Xaverian's debaters continued their winning streak by placing first on February 12 at Brooklyn Prep, becoming the champions of the Brooklyn-Queens League.

The Ryken debaters spent

Washington's Birthday at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. where the group copped first out of 45 schools, regaining the Crusader Trophy won two years ago. On the next day, another team captured ninth place out of 42 schools at New York University.

On February 23, Xaverian's orators competed at Archbishop McClancy. Although Xaverian failed to win another team trophy, individual honors were won by Tom Abinanti in dramatics and by Charlie Acquista in oratory.

In a March contest, combining schools from both the Brooklyn-Queens League and the New York League, Xaverian placed third in the National Forensic League qualifications.

118 Xaverian Seniors Win Regents Honors

As evidenced by the recent announcement from Albany, it is quite apparent that Xaverian has triumphed again. Out of 279 members of the Class of 1963, 82 have been awarded Regents Scholarships, and 36 more have been named alternates. These scholarships range from \$300 to \$750, depending upon the financial need of the family.

Besides the Regents Scholarships, each winner is eligible for a Scholar Incentive Award,

which ranges from \$100 to \$300 a year. The exact amount of each again is dependent upon the monetary situation of the family.

A list of additional scholarship winners will appear in the next issue.

Father Murdoch, New Priest Counselor, Guides Xaverian Students On Fridays

As a part of Xaverian's expanding guidance program, a new priest counselor, Father Murdoch, has been appointed. Father, one of Xaverian's two priest counselors, is on duty in the Brothers' Library on Friday from 11 a.m. until his assistance and guidance are no longer needed.

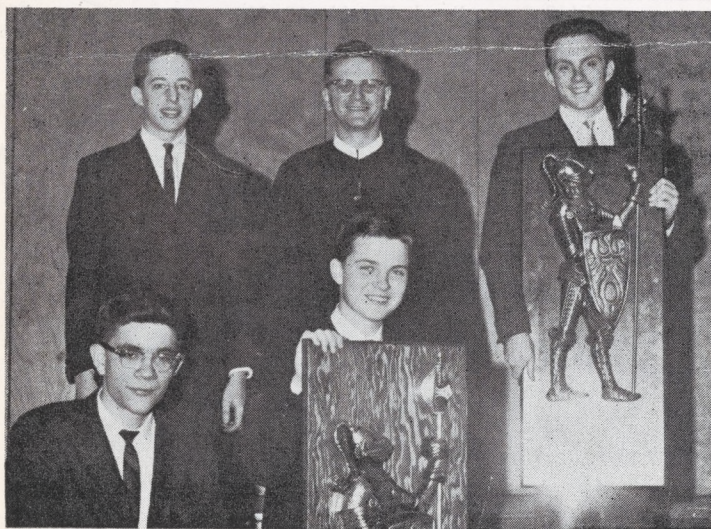
Father Murdoch, a Brooklynite, attended Our Lady of Victory Grammar School, Cathedral Prep, Cathedral College, and Immaculate Conception Seminary. After ordination, he was assigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Astoria, where he spent 15 years. From there he went to Holy Cross Parish, Flatbush, where he is presently serving as parish assistant.

Father joined the priest counselor movement two years ago, when he was appointed priest counselor for Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. When

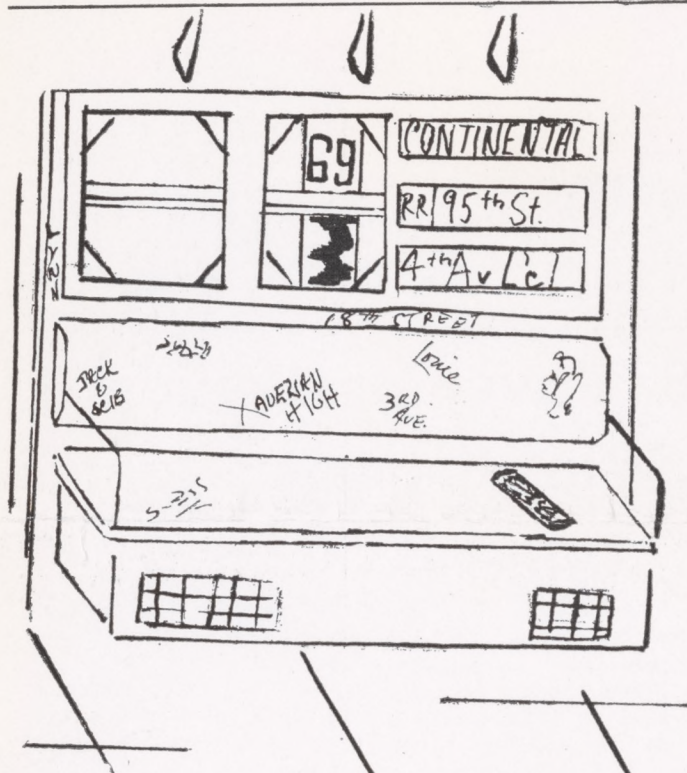
asked how he handles student guidance sessions, Father replied, "I let them do the talking. They come to get something off their chests, so I listen."

Glee Club Rates As Outstanding in C.Y.O.

Xaverian's Glee Club, under the the direction of its moderator, Mr. William Jacques, was awarded an "outstanding" rating at the Catholic Youth Organization competition. The club received third place in this annual competition held this year at the Colden Auditorium, Queens College, on Sunday, March 17. This maintained the Club's position as first among the competing boys' schools. St. Angela Hall High School and St. Agnes Seminary were awarded first and second places, respectively.



"WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE ROOM FOR THEM," thinks Brother Meric and his star debaters Edward Ricci, Charles Hadlock, Robert O'Sullivan, and Richard Jaeger.



STUDENT BEHAVIOR

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

A good name is almost sacred to most people, and a man will often go to great lengths to preserve his reputation. Just as important as an individual's reputation is the good name of a school, and this depends, for the most part, on student behavior.

Student behavior is never a problem in school; after all, who wants to spend an afternoon writing a thousand words upside down and backwards? Outside the school, notably on buses and ferries, the situation is sometimes quite different. Free from enforced discipline, some students tend to give vent to feelings that have been pent up all day, and the results of this surrender to emotionalism often do irreparable damage to the school. Of course, we are not referring to the ultralunacies, because any idiot who wrestles with an old lady for a seat or opens a window during a snowstorm is to be pitied rather than execrated. The real troublemakers are those who, either through carelessness or the

fallacious impression that they seem important, are inclined to use vulgar language or to push and throw things and people. Actions like these not only hurt the school's reputation, but also students who are earnestly trying to preserve the school's good name.

To a number of students, the school's good name means nothing because they very wrongly think it has no effect on them personally. Whenever someone applies for a job, one of the first questions asked is "What high school did you attend?" Colleges frequently judge an applicant on the basis of what high school he attended. Anyone who comes from an institution with a reputation for producing students reminiscent of the days of Attila the Hun can hardly expect to be welcomed with open arms when seeking employment or a place in college.

Xaverian has enjoyed a fine reputation during its short existence; it would be a shame for a few thoughtless clowns to destroy it now.

X-CERPTS

by Bob Wilson

● The X-Press wishes an "ad multos annos" to Brothers Norman and Leonard, former teachers at Xaverian, who celebrated their Silver Jubilee as Xaverian Brothers on February 13.

● The Publications Department will publish a literary magazine in April. Any interested student may submit original poems, short stories, essays, or any other type of literary selection.

● Credit is due Pete Maneri for his persistent efforts in planning and petitioning the office for senior privileges.

● Everyone is wondering what the seniors will do next for amusement in the cafeteria?

● Assistant Editor, Ken Tomecki, was awarded a cash prize

for his prose selection "Can You Answer This?" which was recently published in *The Tablet*.

In Retrospect —

● Remember the Poconos trip two years ago when the then portly Brother Cahil broke a train seat while swaying to the tune of "Heart of My Heart?"

● The next issue of *The X-Press* will feature a list of the "special scholarship" winners, as well as a four-page insert expressing the candid views of the seniors.

● A new face about Xaverian is that of Mr. Murphy, who came to us from the Bishop Hartley Diocesan High School in Columbus, Ohio where he was the football coach. Welcome!

The faculty and student body wish to express their condolences to the following: Brother Melvin for the death of his mother; John Brennan for the death of his father; Anthony Coppoline for the death of his sister; and James May for the death of his father.

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Annual Xaverian Science Fairs Attract Students

Yates, Pescitelli, And Ellard Win Division Honors In School Fair

John Yates, a senior from 4E, was named as the Grand Prize Winner at the Fifth Annual Xaverian High School Science Fair, held in the school gymnasium on

March 10. Yates won the title with his demonstration of "Bionics," in which he illustrated the relationship between biological and physical phenomena. His winning venture earned for him an award of \$25. He also took the crown in the senior category. The six seniors who placed behind Yates were, in order of finish: Bruce D'Ambrosio of 4B; Anthony DeNisco of 4A; Thomas Kelly of 4D; John Costa of 4B and Salvatore Monaco of 4A (a joint project); Thomas Collins of 4E; and Edward Ricci of 4J.

In the junior division, first place went to John Pescitelli of 3C for his "Project Ares." Following Pescitelli were: William Mulokey of 3B; Kenneth Tomceki of 3A; David Fernandes of 3B; and Charles Acquista of

3A.

The winner of the freshman-sophomore section was George Ellard of 2A. After Ellard came Edward Barnas of 2A; Timothy Gillen of 1F; Robert Taglianetti of 2E; and Robert Cheron of 2A.

All those who placed in the contest received prizes that included medals, certificates of merit, and books on science. Besides this, all the senior winners, the first four juniors, and the first three freshmen and sophomores are eligible for the Diocesan Science Fair, to be held on April 27 at Msgr. McClancy High School.

This year's school Fair saw 56 projects, of which only 11 were from underclassmen. Comment-



"NOW TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS" hope the seven City Science Fair participants, (top row) Tom Collins, Bruce D'Ambrosio, George Ellard, (bottom row) Anthony DeNisco, John Hart, Charles Hadlock, and Donald Hogan.

ing on this, Brother Bonaventure, we still did not have enough the Fair's director, said, "We entries from the sophomore and had the best projects ever, but freshman years."

Mr. B. McQuillan, Russian Teacher, To Study At University Of Moscow

Mr. Bernard McQuillan, Chairman of Xaverian's Russian Department, has been notified by the University of Pennsylvania that he has been selected from

national competition to participate in a Teacher Exchange Program with the Soviet Union. Mr. McQuillan and his wife will leave the United States on June 10. The exchange program includes six weeks of intensive study at the University of Moscow and a brief guided tour. Special courses in Russian literature, history and theory, and additional study in the Russian language will highlight Mr. McQuillan's program.

Mr. McQuillan, one of the few teachers stationed at Xaverian since its beginning six years ago, instituted the school's Russian program. He has recently attained his Masters Degree in Russian and plans to use his studies at Moscow as a basis for his doctorate preparation.



Xaverian Plays Host To Six Glee Clubs In Gala Music "Festival"

The Fourth Annual Festival of Glee Clubs was held in the auditorium Sunday, March 24. Xaverian was host to the glee clubs of The Mary Louis Academy, St. Brendan's, Fontbonne Hall, Immaculata High School, Mount Saint Joseph's of Baltimore, and Trinity Prep of Ilchester, Maryland.

After individual performances from each school, the seven glee clubs combined to sing "Coral Fanfare," "Pilgrim's Chorus" (Tannhauser), and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" as the grand finale.

A luncheon and reception for the members of the glee clubs was held in the cafeteria, followed by a dance in the gym. Coordinators for the day's activities were Kenneth Huml and Robert Costa.

Fehlandt, Hart Win First Chess Round

The first round winner of the freshman-sophomore division of the chess tournament was Carl Fehlandt. Strong competitors were Anton Hajjar, Chris Harrington, and John Gardella. The junior-senior division was led by Rich Hart with John Simon, Adam Csocke-Poekkh, Rich La Puma, and Mike Proies as strong contenders.

When the tournament is completed, the leading freshmen will play the top ranking juniors and seniors. From these resulting wins may come the makings of a varsity team. Brother Elroy is moderator of this new and popular school activity.

Auxiliary Sponsors Its Annual Variety Show

The Xaverian Auxiliary, under the direction of its moderator Brother Thomas Patrick, presented its Annual Variety Show on Sunday, March 3, in the school auditorium. The proceeds of the event were donated to an educational fund for the Brothers.

The variety show, staged by the professional actors of the St. Patrick's Dramatic Society, featured a program of singing and dancing. Mr. Jack Mawdsley was in charge of the affair.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Mr. Abatemarco announces that applications for the summer course in Driver Education may be made in May. The training is open to all present juniors and seniors, but because of the limited facilities only 24 applicants will be accepted.

Committees Plan Senior, Junior Proms

This year's Xaverian Senior Prom is scheduled for the evening of May 31. Under the direction of Brother Melvin, senior moderator, the event will

once again be held in the Starlight Room of the Waldorf Astoria. Two hundred seniors will attend and dance to the music of Joe Carroll and his orchestra.



"I THINK IT'LL WORK," says senior moderator, Brother Melvin, as junior moderator, Mr. McQuillan, and prom committee heads Mike Scagnelli, Joe Kelly, and Paul Feeney look on.

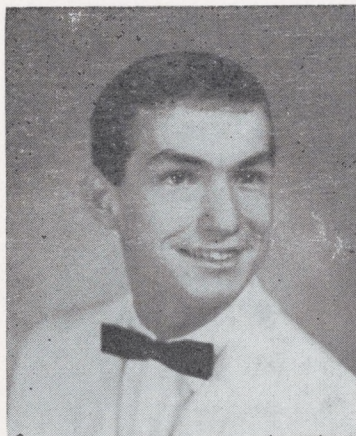
A full course dinner is on the menu, and favors in the form of stuffed animals will be given to all the girls; bouquets will also be given to the dates of the members of the prom committee. Following the prom, breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria for those interested. All arrangements are being made by the Senior Prom Committee, headed by chairmen, Joe Kelly and Paul Feeney.

The Junior Prom, scheduled for the evening of May 10, will be held in the school gym. Joe Carroll and his orchestra will supply the music. Under the direction of the Junior Prom Committee chairman, Mike Scagnelli, and junior class moderator, Mr. Bernard McQuillan, the event will last from 8 until 12. There will be refreshments and favors.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

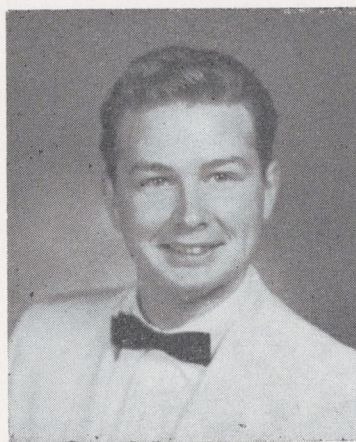
— Dave Cummings —

One of the most versatile members of the senior class is Dave Cummings of 4F. Dave is a scholar, an athlete, and a school leader. Besides belonging to both the Leo and National Honor Societies, he is a three-year man on the track team, president of his class, and 4F's representative on the Senior Prom and Gift Committees. After graduation, Dave will take up engineering at Manhattan.



Lou Bova —

Lou Bova of St. Catherine of Alexandria parish is an exceptionally well-rounded person. A National Merit Finalist and a member of the Leo and National Honor Societies, Lou is also the president of 4D and in the Glee Club. Outside school, he plays both football and the guitar. Lou will use his Regents' scholarship at Fordham University where he plans to major in foreign languages.

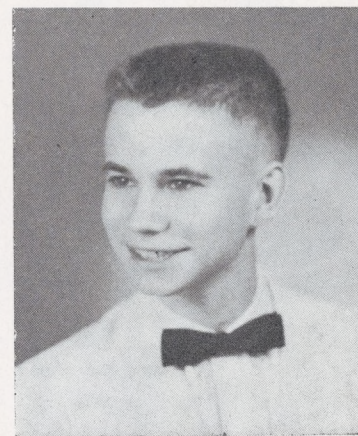


Frank Schneider —

A Staten Islander and member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Frank Schneider is known throughout Xaverian as the editor of the student yearbook. He is also the vice-prefect of the Sodality and a member of the Math Club and the Leo Honor Society. Frank hopes to attend St. Louis University and to major in meteorology. His interests are in music and drama.

— Peter Maneri —

An active member of SAC, Pete Maneri of 4J is not only the president of his class, but he is also chairman of the Senior Privileges Committee. He hails from Blessed Sacrament Parish, S.I., where he is captain of the parish baseball team. Pete is also an active member of the X Press staff. After graduation he plans to attend Iona College and to major in English.



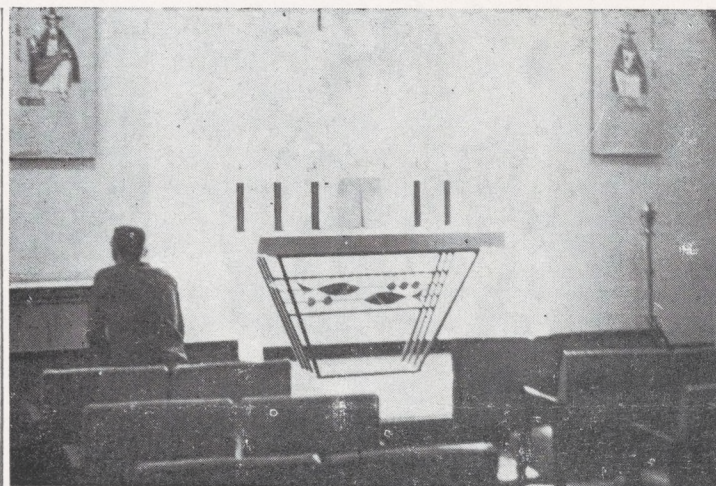
120 Seniors Make Closed Retreat

Relax In Solitude At
Gonzaga and Manresa
Retreat Houses

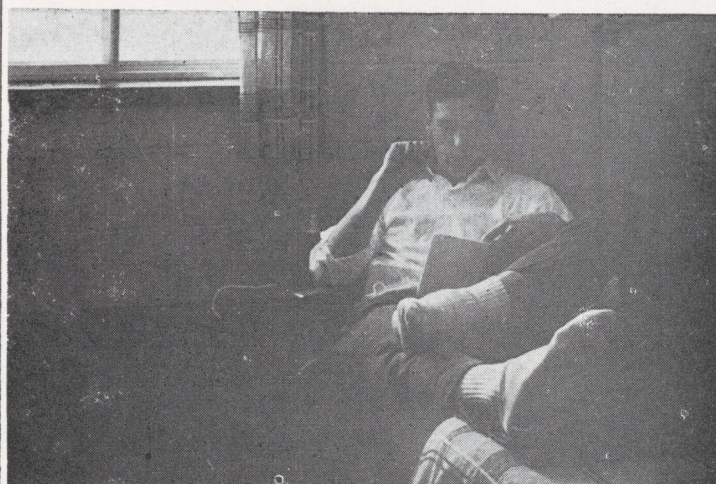
Far from the maddening crowd, three groups of seniors found a rewarding peace in the recent closed retreats. Although attendance was not compulsory, 120 seniors made use of the opportunity to enjoy a few silent days of thinking and praying. A group of 40, accompanied by Brothers Bruce and Harold, left after school on February 27 and went by bus to Manresa Retreat House in Ridgefield, Connecticut. They returned March 1. The remaining 86 journeyed to the old and new Gonzaga Retreat Houses in Monroe, New York. Along with Brothers Bonaventure, Dean, DeMontfort, and Ramon, the retreatants left the school on February 28 and returned on March 3.

Pray and Play

At Gonzaga, the retreat masters, Father John Magan, S.J., and Father Francis O'Brien, S.J., started the proceedings with a two-hour orientation conference. After this, the retreatants went to their assigned rooms, and the



"THOUGHT IS THE SOUL OF ACT." Tom Kelly pauses for a silent prayer in the chapel of the new Gonzaga Retreat House.



"A MOMENT'S THINKING IS WORTH AN HOUR IN WORDS." Fred Shaver learns the value of quiet reflection during Closed Retreat.

retreat began. The busy schedule called for four days of monastic silence with daily Mass, Communion, rosary, outdoor stations and Benedictions. In the course of the retreat, the priests interviewed every senior individually. Each afternoon there was a break in the routine for recreational activities which ranged from talking to snowball fighting to mountain climbing.

Quiet Reflection

A question box period highlighted the second evening; and, on the last night, there were talks, slides, and meditation on the Holy Shroud, followed by a Eucharistic Meditation. Also on

the final night, the new house had the privilege of all night exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for nocturnal adoration. On the day of departure, sealed envelopes containing each senior's retreat resolution were placed on the altar at the Offertory of the Mass.

Senior Opinion

The general opinion of the retreatants can be summarized by a few quotes: "They were the best four days of my life so far;" "The silence was not so hard after all;" and, most important of all, "I'd like to do it again some time."

BROWBEAT

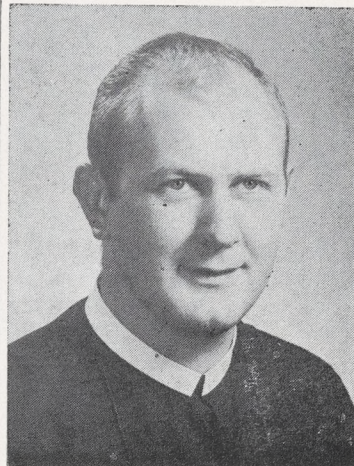
"C'mon! C'mon!"

by Joe Kelly

Through the quiet of the still classroom air comes the sound of a drawled battle-cry, "C'mon! C'mon! What's the answer?," This can be only one class: senior chemistry with Brother Bonaventure.

Brother Bonaventure, who received his M.A. in chemistry from the University of Detroit, is the instructor for classes 4A to 4D. Brother is both a qualified teacher and first-rate entertainer, as any of his students can testify. Brother goes out of his way to liven up the class periods, doing demonstration experiments with brightly colored chemicals, making wisecracks about his students' performances, and anything else that is amusing. Some of Brother Bonaventure's other innovations for a vibrant class period include guest lecturers from local colleges and enthralling movies on chemistry and related topics.

Outside the classroom, Brother utilizes his organizing talents to arrange such popular school functions as the senior retreat, the Poconos' trip, and the school science fair. Brother's preferences for passing his leisure time are good food, good music, the theater, and, a special favorite, Willa Cather's novels. Brother Bonaventure is an all-around man; do th' see?



Bro. Ricardo Speaks At Annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast

Brother Ricardo, C.F.X. was the guest speaker at the Annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast, sponsored by the Xaverian Circle, held on Sunday, March 3, in the school gym. Brother, former moderator of the Student Activities Council and **The Local**, taught Religion and English at Xaverian for three years. Two years ago he was transferred to Notre Dame High School, Utica, New York. Brother Ricardo was recently appointed supervisor of schools for the Northeastern Province of the Xaverian Brothers.

Father Cribbin, assisted by Father Clancy, celebrated Mass and distributed Holy Communion to over 600 fathers and sons in attendance. After Mass, the assemblage moved to the cafeteria for breakfast. A unique feature of this year's breakfast was the exclusion of waiters: fathers were served by their sons.

Chairlady of the affair was Mrs. Peter DiConza; Mr. Al Uva was chairman.

Critic's Comments

by David Castronovo



Career Angel, a play in three acts, written by the Reverend Gerard Majella Murray and recently produced by the Dramatics Society on February 8 and 9, tells the story of a boys' home somewhere along the Eastern seaboard, and the rather humorous sequence of events that takes place when the lilies of the field, a guardian angel, a Nazi saboteur, and a valuable manuscript become inter-involved.



"WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE RUNNING HERE?"
Henry Nocella, as Brother Seraphim, has choice words for Bob Donnelly, Rich Comparato, and Rich Porzio in "Career Angel."

It seems that old Brother Seraphim, the founder of the Home and somewhat of a spiritual bohemian, has incurred the wrath of a certain self-righteous Brother Fidelis, an obnoxious young accountant who has pointed out to the Brothers that the home is in dire financial straits. Brother Seraphim, as portrayed by Henry Nocella, believes in God's sense of humor in earthly matters and also in his faithful and rather sarcastic guardian angel, as played by Richard Cuneo. Brother Seraphim's guardian angel informs him of the existence of an early draft of the Declaration of Independence on the Orphanage property; and the subsequent trials of Brother in convincing the kind Brother Gregory, portrayed by Vincent Maligno, and the irritable Brother Fidelis, realistically drawn by Charles Acquista, are quite funny in parts. Until the comedy's denouement, Brothers and boys alike seem to think Brother Seraphim a little bit daffy. As it turns out, he and his Harvey-like "Career Angel" manage to bring the manuscript into the public eye, unmask the plot of a group of Nazis, and teach all concerned, including Brother Fidelis, the value of an amused, if not downright droll, approach to a problem.

Under the competent direction of Mr. Coscia and Mr. Lowrey, the farce was a definite success. The acting was generally very good and, in the case of Henry Nocella, quite wonderful. With the exception of a few minor flaws in lighting and sound effects, the production was very well put together.

Math Club Obtains National Charter

Xaverian's Math Club recently became a certified member of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School Mathematics So-



NEWLY ELECTED MATH CLUB OFFICERS

Joe Kelly, Bruce D'Ambrosio, John Costa, Adam Csocke-Poeckh, and the Math Club moderator, Brother Elroy.

ciety. The Xaverian chapter of the society presently consists of 20 juniors and seniors, who are chartered members of the organization. The Math Club received its charter signifying its incorporation into Mu Alpha Theta; and Brother Kyrin, officiating at the presentation, awarded the certificates of membership to the 20 upperclassmen. Adam Csocke-Poeckh of 4A was elected president of the Xaverian chapter of the society. Other officers elected were Bruce D'Ambrosio, vice-president; Joseph Kelly, secretary; and John Costa, treasurer. Brother Elroy is moderator.

The Math Club tries to have a general meeting of all its members every other week, usually on Monday afternoons. The highlights of all these meetings are talks given by the student members themselves.

Brothers, Students Spend Day In Wilds

Christmas Outing Is Snowbound Success In Poconos

by Joseph Kelly

As the daybreak came on cold and grey on the morning of December 27, a hardy group of intrepid adventurers huddled together in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. These were the men of the Annual Xaverian High School Poconos' Trip, who were waiting in the chill to board the buses that would carry them into the wilds of Northern Pennsylvania. Finally, the leader of this daring band, Brother Bonaventure, signalled to his multitude of assistants, whose ranks included Brothers Gavril, Elroy, DeMontfort, Scott, Benedictus, Angelus, and Bruce, to march the students into the buses. The great adventure had begun.

After an engrossing three-hour ride through scenic New Jersey suburbs and marshlands, this resolute lot of new frontiersmen arrived at Mt. Airy Lodge, hidden deep in the heart of the Pocono Mountains. Without a moment's hesitation, everyone disembarked from the buses and ventured forth to face the rigors of mountain life. However, even the hardiest pioneers cannot subsist without food. Since the sun was high in the sky, all trekked over to the main building and ate lunch.

Ice-Skating Featured

Having downed a meal that featured roast chicken, the X-men rushed out energetically to meet the challenges of ice-skating, tobogganing, and swim-

ming. The first challenge was probably the toughest. Eagerly donning ice-skates, many for the first time, the zealous adventurers zoomed over the frozen lake; and, whether on their feet or on their rears, they gave it their all. Fortunately for the chunkier members of the expedition, it was quite thick and all of the day's swimming was confined to an indoor pool.

Treacherous Toboggan Course

Adjoining the lake was the treacherous slope of the toboggan course. From its dizzying heights, fleets of ebullient students and Brothers roared downhill, some on toboggans and some on their backs, having been bounced off their conveyances earlier in the trip. Everyone enjoyed it immensely.

Enjoy Swimming

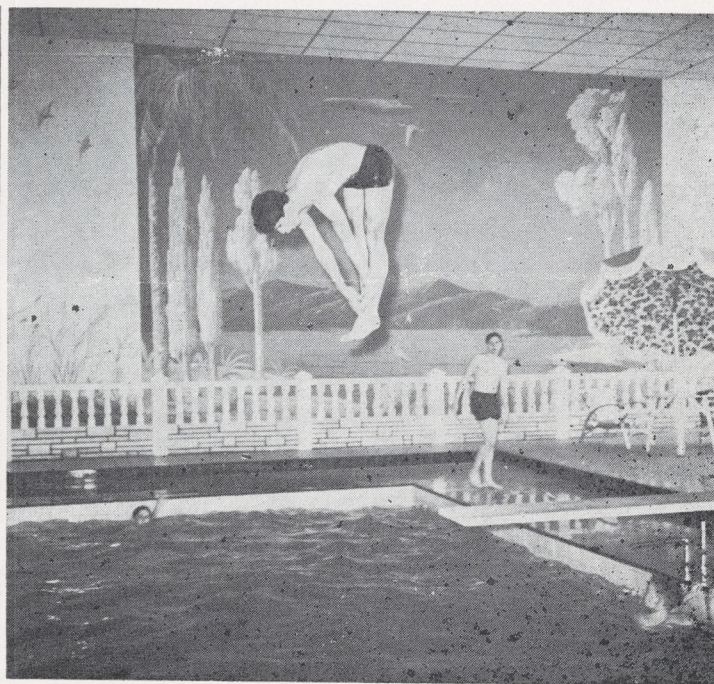
In the main building, looking out on the lake and toboggan slope, was the spacious swimming pool. Having conquered the ice and snow, the X-men now turned their attention to the water and gleefully plunged to the attack. After the chill of the elements, the heated pool and the steam room provided a pleasant change for all.

Game Room, Popular

A turkey supper was served at six, and after that, the now weary adventurers turned their remaining energy to the pool tables, pin-ball machines, and shuffle-board courts in the lodge's game room until the nine o'clock departure for Xaverian and home.



"FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELTS." Brother Bruce, Scott, and passengers prepare for the toboggan ride on the Pocono trip as a smiling Brother Bonaventure looks on.



METAMORPHASIS: Bill Regan becomes a jack-knife at the Mt. Airy Lodge pool. Ken Jasinski looks on.

~~~~~FILL LENTEN MITE BOXES~~~~~





## LIKE A LORD

by David Castronovo

With literally thousands of people filing past the Metropolitan Museum's distinguished new house guest, *Laughing Lisa*, it seems evident that there is considerable public interest in the works of art that constitute a sizeable portion of the cultural heritage of the Western World. Before *Lisa* entered upon the scene, *Aristotle Contemplating a Bust of Homer*, which could be called aesthetic old hat, caused quite a stir among a great number of Old Master conscience spectators. Mrs. Kennedy, self-styled Muse and First Lady, has also contributed to the general attitude of artistic awareness by her attendance at *Lord Pengo*, a new comedy by S. N. Behrman, which gave its premiere performance at the Royale Theatre on November 19, 1962. This superbly acted and directed play dealing with the professional life of a supposedly fictitious play art connoisseur was suggested to the author by his New Yorker "The Days of Duveen." In keeping with the series based on the life of the influential Lord Duveen, the play is basically a group of episodes in the life of a man who, as a matter of livelihood, sold Rembrandts, Van Dykes, and Reynolds for sums in excess of \$100,000.

*Lord Pengo*, suavely and sophisticatedly portrayed by Charles Boyer, is the big fish to whom industrialists and chain store magnates gravitate in the pursuit of fine art. In his London and New York galleries, Pengo (known to his friends as Joe) coaxes wise and naive clients into purchasing priceless art gems. "No matter what you pay for the priceless, you are getting it cheap," says Lord Pengo. Occasionally, however, he runs into a bit of a problem. When a millionaire manufacturer argues over the identity of a painting, Lord Pengo is "left in a lurch" with a canvas that, according to the foremost critic on Renaissance Art, is not, as Pengo would have it, a Giorgione, but merely a Titian.

Aside from the Lord, the other characters in the play have expertly written parts. Agnes Moorehead has a small, but choice, role as Charles Boyer's secretary, while Brian Bedford and Ruth White dominate the play as his son and a customer, respectively. In this portrait of an art dealer as a wealthy, middle-aged man, character relationships are carefully woven. It can be seen, however, that dramatic impact in *Lord Pengo* is necessarily sacrificed in the evaluation of a dominant personality.

## A CHILD OF THE SLUMS

by Ken Tomecki

It was a warm summer evening. The air was humid and sticky. It had rained earlier in the day, and the usual summer heat was again returning. The streets were crowded. People were walking rapidly, frequently mopping and drying their moistened brows and necks from the ever-present droplets of perspiration. No one spoke; all were quiet. They just moved. Cars were hesitantly progressing along the street, inadvertently avoiding careless children, playfully jutting into the full view of the oncoming traffic. The automobiles stopped and started, blew their horns, and advanced onward, gently hitting bumpers and adding to the heat of the evening. In the middle of this heat, confusion, and movement, there remained a motionless figure silhouetted against the light-colored wall of a one floor shanty. The small boy just sat there on the third step approaching the entrance. He sat crouched against the wall, slumping, almost reclining. The boy was twelve years old. His dark curly hair was rustled with the casual summer breeze. His shirt and pants were ragged and dirty, and he had no shoes. He was crying.

Passers-by were unaffected by his ragged, dejected appearance. They passed and saw him crying. They would even steal a quick glance, but no one felt any compassion or attempted to console him. They just passed. And he sat there staring, thinking, and crying, unamused and unengrossed by the excited movement along the street. He stared at an overturned garbage can on the sidewalk. The disturbed and disrupted garbage was scattered across the pavement and gradually found its way to the gutter. The spilled rubbish hindered passage along the sidewalk and street, and the smell of the filth and decay of its contents was present throughout the area. But the boy did not even think of adjusting the can or cleaning its disheveled contents. He only sat and pic-

tured himself as an overturned creature, similar in appearance to the garbage, gently and gradually being pushed into the gutter of life; and no one would help him. He pictured himself as an outcast of society — a child of the slums.

## Parents' Dance Held In School Gym

"It was simply fabulous," was the comment of Brother Leroy, moderator of the Xaverian Circle, concerning the Parents' Dance on February 16. Held in the gym, 230 couples danced to the music of Bob Gartner and his orchestra. The affair was under the supervision of a Xaverian Circle Committee. The chairman of the committee was Mr. John Darden; members of the committee were Mr. Lester Hunkele, Mr. Peter Maneri, Mr. Joseph Redpath, and Mr. Thomas Abinanti. Mrs. Heinkele was in charge of decorations. By request of the parents attending, the dance was prolonged to 2 a.m.

## HAIKU POEMS

by L. J. Petrillo, Jr.

### Remedy

A haiku each day  
Flows freely from my mind  
- and  
Keeps Karma away!

### Levitation

Ah! Sweet, sublime snow -  
Upon thee I glide around  
Inches above ground!

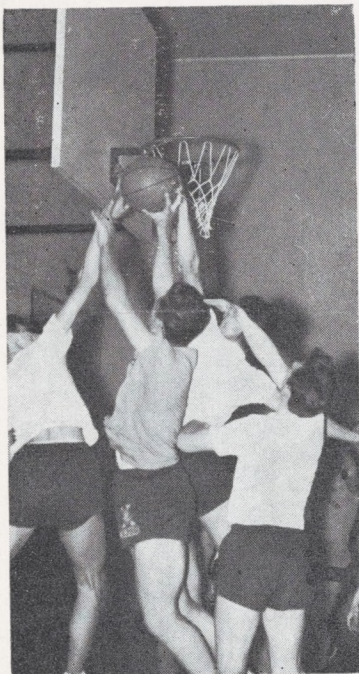
### Extinction

It dwells in rubbish,  
Beguiled and feeble pest -  
Squish!  
No more little fly.



## Intramurals . . .

## 4E, 3H, 2J, 1C Win Round



ONE FOR ALL. Three hands grasp for a rebound during a recent intramural game.

At the end of the first round of the basketball intramurals, 4E, 3H, 2J, and 1C remain undefeated.

During the senior preliminary round, 4E beat 4J (64-31), 4C (68-55), and 4D (38-35). Among the outstanding individuals the champs faced were Dave Cuchiara, Bob Mullens, Brian O'Connell, Ed Nocco, and Ken Phillips. In the final game 4E whipped 4F (50-24) which was led by Bob Cordell and John Darden. Mike Campbell, Hugh MacAleer, and Tony Restivo were the big guns for the winners. Paul Boucher, Brian Teahen, Jerry Clifford, and Joe Kelly paced the other squads in the league.

In the junior division 3H conquered 3J (56-45) and 3A (51-42) on its way to the finals. Jim Nielsen, Nick Cariglia, Bill Dooley, and Joe Guchek were the outstanding players for the opponents. In the finals 3H beat 3C (34-32) whose mainstays

were Bob Conklin and Emil Colantuono. Jerry Walz and Tony Guardino led the winners. Jerry Pascuzzi, Frank Harrison, Joe Lovascio, Rich Corrigan, and Dom Liguori were among the other outstanding players in the league.

The sophomore champ, 2J, knocked off 2H (57-48) and 2G (68-57) in preliminary competition. Phil Carroll and Frank Fitzpatrick starred for the losers. In the final game 2J beat 2F (35-33) as Tony Caridi and Harry Gagas paced the losers. Charles Steng and Pete DiConza led the champs.

Mike Acciani, Jerry Kelly, and Tom Ward were other outstanding sophomores.

During the freshman preliminary round, 1C, the eventual winner, beat 1E (42-40) and 1K (44-33). Jerry Henderson and Ron Urcioli led the losers. In the final game, 1C beat 1A (25-14) which was led by Rich Beyer and Carl Fehlandt. Tom Quigley and Tony Filardi led the winners.

Henry Hein and Guy DiBiasi were other frosh stars.

## 4G Captures Senior Swim Championship

The swimming intramurals, under the guidance of Brother Fabius, got under way on March 15 when a contingent of 28, representing for senior classes, met to compete for the senior championship. 4G, capturing only two of the seven events, managed to cop the crown with a total of 34 points. 4F placed second with 24 points, edging out 4H and 4C.

Mike Birmingham, 4F, paced all swimmers by winning two events, the 40 yard backstroke and the 60 yard individual medley. Doug Neumann of 4G and Harry Hanley of 4H placed second and third, respectively, in the backstroke. In the individual medley Mike edged Tom Maguire and Paul Boucher, both of 4G. In the 40 yard free-style Dave Rounds, 4H, out-distanced Neumann and Ed Schumacher, 4H; and in the 40 yard breaststroke Maguire beat Schumacher and Ed Bourke of 4F. Bob Mullens of 4C outswam Ed Seabory, 4G, and Bourke to capture the 40 yard butterfly. In the relay races 4H captured the medley relay, and 4G won the freestyle relay.

## BOWLING BOXSCORE

by Guy La Vignera



## Junior and Senior —

In the junior-senior league the Hoboken Zephers are in first place. The high average title goes to Frank D'Agati with a 199. The individual high two game series is held by Bob Meli with a 416.

Roy Cecora holds the individual high single game with a 256.

## Sophomore —

The American and National Leagues make up the sophomore division. The Oilers hold first place in the American League. Kevin Cullen's 138 is the high average of the league. In the National League, the Colts hold first place. The high average man

of the league is Vinny Vaccaro with a 168.

## Freshman —

The freshmen keglers are divided into the American and National Leagues. The Yankees hold first place in the American League, and the Dallas team occupy first in the National League. Dick Betts is high average holder in the National League with a 167, and Mark Purcell is the high average title holder of the American League with a 147.



BRUTUS AT HIS BACK. Al Gross is about to meet his downfall from Joe Moran.



## Clipper Comments . . .

### Bowlers Are Fourth As Season Ends

Led by Bob Simari and Frank LaMonica, the Varsity bowlers are perched in fourth place with a 32-16 record, only five points from the league leader. Finishing the first half of the schedule tied for second place with a record of 19 to 8, the keggers soon ran into a streak of bad luck, losing many matches by extremely close margins. In the three matches remaining, the keggers will tangle with St. Augustine, St. Francis, and St. John's in an attempt to gain the city play-offs.

#### La Monica - 177

Frank LaMonica leads the team with an average of 177, while Bob Simari is close behind with an average of 174. Paul McManus, Fred John, Charlie Bechtold, Rich Taglianetti, and Roy Cecora, a new addition to the team, follow with averages of 169, 166, 161, 160, and 128 respectively. La Monica led the keggers with a high game of 242, edging out Simari's 236.

#### Season Ending

Though Brother August says, "I'm a dedicated man;" time is running out for both the coach and his team.

### VARSITY ALL-STARs

Richie Crowe and Ken "Mike" Murphy have been elected to the Division II All-Star Team of the Brooklyn CHSAA. During the Varsity basketball season these two players distinguished themselves for their steady, unselfish play. Crowe was the team's backcourt ballhawk, and Murphy was the scoring leader with 16.4 points per game. Richie is slated to attend St. Francis College, and Ken hopes to matriculate at Boston College.

## Clippers Post 12-6 Mark; Capture Division II Crown

After achieving a sparkling won-lost percentage of .667 in regular season play, the Varsity went on to perhaps the most unusual and the best game a Xaverian team

has ever played when it lost to Power Memorial H.S. in the CHSAA play-offs. The record looks all the more impressive when one considers that the total of the 20 games played, the team lost only four of the 12 decisions decided by less than 10 points. Three of these conquerors — Loughlin, St. Francis, and Power — are among the four best Catholic schools in the City. Mr. Woods, Varsity coach, called these contests, "the three best games I have ever seen."

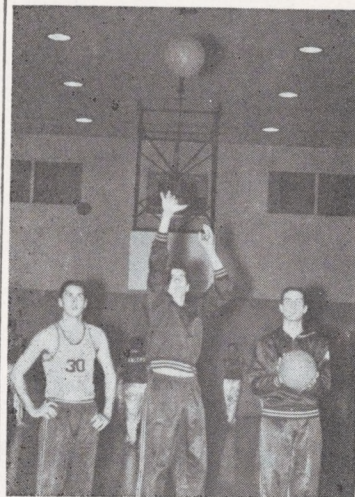
Perhaps the saddest aspect of the Power game was the lack of student attendance; the Varsity was great. A team that was geared to fast-break basketball, that couldn't hold the ball "more than a minute" in practice sessions, played possession ball and didn't shoot until after the four minute mark of the first quarter. Though Power led at the quarter, 6-2, at the half the score was tied, 8-8, despite a last minute effort by Power; and a

potentially hostile crowd cheered the Clippers to the dressing room. Unfortunately, Power had a "big" nine point third quarter and pulled away to a 23-14 decision. It would take a page to adequately describe the beautiful team effort in which Lew Alcindor (7'1") got only 11 points.

The Loughlin game was race horse basketball and equally well played. A 37-32 lead at the end of the third quarter evaporated in the last two minutes of play when Loughlin drew ahead, 57-48, on some doubtful foul calls. Against St. Francis the score was 57-50.

Mr. Woods summed up the season with these words: "I think the team's success was due to its captain, Pat Murphy, and Tony Loffredo who had a terrific desire to win, no matter what the odds. This formula together with the scoring of

Kenny Murphy, Richie Crowe, and Mike Daly was definitely our key to success. Daly was the big surprise in the rebounding and scoring department, and Art Perri also won his share of games. I hope the spirit of this senior class rubs off on the juniors and under-classesmen next year."



**DALY ON DUTY.** Mike Daly throws up a foul shot as Ken Murphy and Art Perri look on.

## Varsity Fifth In Catholic Indoor Meet

The Varsity track team this year has definitely lived up to its high standards. At the Catholic Champs Meet held March 1 at Madison Square Garden, Xaverian placed fifth among all the schools in the metropolitan area. In the junior high jump, Harry Hanley took first place and set a new Catholic School junior high jump record with a jump of 6 feet. In the senior high jump, Don Pratt placed second with a 6 foot jump, with Harry Hanley placing fourth with a 5'8" jump.

In the two mile relay, Xa-

verian took second place. The team consisted of Joe Fisher, Jim Greer, Paul Feeney, and Mike Scagnelli. Bill Ippolito took fifth place in the 280 yard run with a time of 32.5. Unfortunately, Bob Fleming, star mile runner, had to drop out because of illness. Bob, however, holds new high school records in the mile (4:25.6), the 1000 yard (2:20.4) and the two mile (9:59.4) runs.

A new indoor two mile relay record was set at the Cardinal Hayes Meet when the team of Paul Feeney, Jim Greer, Bob

Fleming, and Mike Scagnelli completed the run in 8:08.3, approximately 5 seconds faster than the previous record.

At the recent Mayors' Meet, Xaverian took fifth place trophy in a contest including all public and Catholic schools in New York City.

Xaverian can proudly boast of the fact that it is the only public or Catholic school in the city which has two high-jumpers capable of doing 6 foot and better: Don Pratt and Harry Hanley.





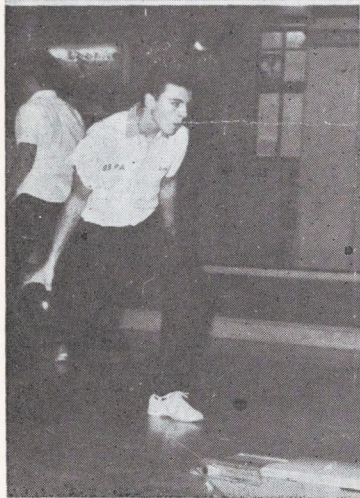
← **OUR FINEST.** The Varsity basketball team, Mr. Woods, and its three managers pose for a team photo in the gym.

**BOOM!** Louie Pascale makes it look "easy" as the tumblers perform at Madison Square Garden.

← **AFTER A STRIKE.** Bob Simari bowls an extra frame during varsity bowling practice.



← **AN AUTOMATIC.** Ken Murphy takes a jump shot during the St. Peter's game.



## Freshmen Win Brooklyn Basketball Championships

This winter basketball had its finest season in Xaverian High School. For the first time in history the Varsity, under the direction of a new coach, Mr. John Woods, made the Catholic High School Play-Offs. However, this was not too much of a surprise; the big surprise of the

season was the fine freshman team. This team was without a doubt the finest frosh group in the school's history. Its chief accomplishments were the clinching of the Brooklyn Freshmen Championship and finishing a very creditable fourth in the city.

The team, which was coached by Brother De Sales and Brother Angelus, was led by captain Louis Dottrina, center Jim Berg, and Bob Guardino. The other two starters were Ken Kratchman and Dave Naman. Although only 5' 7", Louis Dottrina led the team in rebounding and averaged 11 points a game. Jim Berg, the "Most Valuable Player of the St. Thomas Aquinas Christmas Tourney," scored an average of 13 points a game. Bob Guardino averaged 12 points a game, while showing fine talent as a play-maker. Ken Kratchman was known as the brains of the team, and Dave Naman gained much needed experience in his first season of organized ball. The first substitutes on the team were Phil Whitcome, John Conforti, and Tom Kearns. Other team members were Jack Hendrick, Joe Wick, George Terra, Jack Russell, Ken Jasinski, and Pat Grillo.



**ANOTHER CASSIUS CLAY.** Jim Berg throws a nice uppercut at the tap-off of the Nazareth game. Dave Naman is waiting for the ball.

## Tennis Season Begins

Trycuts for spots on the Varsity and the freshman tennis teams began on March 28, conducted by tennis moderator Bro. Bonaventure. Brother warns that tennis, contrary to some popular opinion, is a very rigorous sport, and he says that he wants only men to try out.

## J. V. Bowlers Place Second

The junior varsity bowling team, under the direction of Brother August, is in second place in the CHSAA. The team did not get a good start, but as the weeks passed they improved steadily. If the team can remain in second place, they will enter the play-offs and face strong opposition from Chaminade, which is now in first place. Ron Gaudio and Bob Glazewski, who both maintained a 160 average, held the team together for the first half of the season. Other members of the J V. team include Vinnie Vaccaro, John Leddy, Roy Geradi, Mike Di Battista, and Frank Ressi.

ores when they move up into Varsity competition in a few years. Brother De Sales said, "Their main disadvantages were they were too small and were scared stiff in the play-offs; if they grow, they'll be all right."

Of course the school is now anxious to see how the team



## Height Hampers J. V.: Ryan Is High Scorer

According to Brother Armand, the J.V. basketball coach, the lack of height was one of the reasons for the team's 6 and 13 season.

"The boys played good ball, but the lack of height hampered them," said Brother.

### Ryan Stars

One bright spot in the junior varsity season was the playing of John Ryan. He averaged 13.4 points a game and destroyed many opponents' attacks by his long set shots and accurate passes. The other starters, forwards Steve Gardell and Tony Cavaliere, guard Joe Remo, and center Kevin Maloney, also contributed to the season's record.

### Maloney Improves

Another point of satisfaction was the rapid improvement of both Jim Harrington and Kevin

Maloney. The latter started the season slowly but by the fifth game was scoring in double figures. Against St. Augustine he scored a season high of 20 points. Jim Harrington developed throughout the season into a steady ballplayer.

With the loss of nine varsity players through graduation, some J.V. players will be playing varsity ball next fall.



A SKY BOMB. Steve Gardell attempts a high double-decker.

## Two Mile Team

### Captures First

In the recent Frosh Novice Champs, Xaverian's two mile relay team lost their novice ranking. This team, consisting of Tom Ludyinski, Estaban Lopez, Vin Tuohy, and Tony Marquette, took first place, registering a fine time of 8:59.0. Jim Burrs broke the five minute mark for the first time, hitting 4:56.4 for the mile, good enough to give him sixth place.

In the shot put event, Dick Donovan tossed the lead ball a distance of 42' 5 3/4", which gave him sixth place in the meet. A heave of 42' 5" was turned in by Joe Galano.

As the outdoor season begins in early April, Brother Gavril, J.V. coach, is looking for better performances from all his understudies.

## SPORTSPOT

by John Sibley

### How much is a G. O. card worth?

Two issues ago, when I interviewed Pat Murphy for some Varsity basketball predictions, he put no ceiling on that square of paper some people know only as an I. D. card. On February 24, S.A.C. and the entire student body reflected their contempt for what this card represents and the minute pride they have in themselves when a grand total of a few dozen students witnessed one of our best hardcourt efforts ever.

There are many high schools in New York City with great reputations — we face Loughlin and Molloy every season; the reason they enjoy such distinction is the support they give to every activity. Those Friday night crowds that looked so good were actually only 350 students. Is this the best the best can do? And what about the bus ride to McClancy?

S.A.C. knew what to expect in the way of student support for the tournament, and yet it did nothing. If all of those almost fifty members of our student government had made it their business to attend the game, and they should have been there, they would have also made it their business to alert the rest of the school.

Perseverance proved to be the right approach when Brother Armand and Mr. Perrone secured administration approval for twelve trackmen to compete in the Catholic Indoor Champs Meet during school time on March 1.

It should be at least another year before Brothers Bruce and Harold have the opportunity to hustle enough foul shots to overcome that twenty point margin of defeat in the student-faculty game. During Lent though, let's have a match between the frosh and some senior intramural stars.

## Studies Scuttle Frosh Track Team

After impressive head-to-head victories over Nazareth, Ford, St. Francis, St. Peter's, St. Augustine, and Loughlin, the frosh track team was disrupted around the first of the year when eight key runners withdrew to concentrate on studies. Unfortunately, as Brother Lucas, team moderator, points out, withdrawing has not improved the marks of the students concerned, and a potentially outstanding team has been ruined.

Here are some of the top runners who still remain: Jim Notaro, Sil Sulfaro, Rich Morris, Craig Lewis, Gerry Vella, Ed Denesopolis, Sal Tralongo, Sal Santino, John Perry, Don Duerr, Bob Yondola, Dennis Petruzzi, Frank Meyers, Tom Grenham, John Benfatti, John Finn, John DiTirro, Mark Kiernan, and John Ferraro.



THE JUMPING-OFF POINT. In the foreground, Jim Hearn takes a stick pass from Rich Pensabene, and behind them Jim Greer takes Bill Regan's pass.

FILL LENTEN MITE BOXES